(c) how would this improve the existing situaiton?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) (a) to (c) The existing private power policy allows private sector participation in electricity generation, supply and distribution. The response of the private sector for setting up of generation projects has been encouraging. However, ways and means to facilitate greater private participation in the field of exclusive transmission are under consideration.

**Drinking water schemes in West Godavari Districts in Andhra Pradesh**

153. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal of drinking water schemes for the Municipalities of Tadepalligudem, Eluru and Bhimavaram from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals; and

(c) the funds earmarked for these three towns in West Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) A project proposal including the proposal for providing water supply to Bhimavaram Municipal Corporation at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.44 crores, was received in this Ministry in October, 1993. I was technically scrutinished and comments conveyed to the State Government in January, 1994 with the request to revise the project proposal. However, the State Government has not yet responded in the matter despite reminders.

**Setting up of private sector power projects in Maharashtra**

154. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received in early 1996 some proposals for the Maharashtra Government for setting up of three power projects in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of each project; and

(c) by when the projects would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Electricity Authority (CEA) received three proposals in early 1996, for setting up of power projects in private sector in the State of Maharashtra. The details and status of clearance of CEA for these projects is as follows:—

(i) 410 MW combined cycle Power Plant at Patalganga by M/s Reliance Patalganga Power Private Ltd.

The Project has been accorded the 'in principle' clearance of CEA. The company has been requested to tie up the necessary inputs/clearances for consideration of the proposal for techno-economic clearance of CEA.

(ii) 330 MW combined cycle Gas/Naphtha based power plant at Raigad by M/s Kalyani Mukand Limited.

The proposal for 'in principle' clearance (IPC) submitted by the compnay was rejected by the CEA because of the company's inability to tie-up required inputs/clearances.

(iii) 1082 MW (2 × 541 MW) Bhadrawati extension project by M/s Nippon Denro Ispat Ltd.

The proposal for 'in principle' clearance (IPC) sumbitted by the company was rejected by the CEA because of the company's inability to tie-up required inputs/clearances.

**Bhumidhars in Delhi**

155. SHRI O.P. KHOLI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some persons were declared Bhumidhars in Delhi under Sections 74(4) and 85 of Delhi Land Reforms Act, 1954;